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MEMORANDUM FOR LEON FUERTH
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Request that Vice President Gore Meet with
Rwandan President Juvenal Habyarimana

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The Department of State recommends that the Vice President receive Juvenal Habyarimana, President of Rwanda, who will make a private visit to Washington October 7-9 during his trip to speak at the United Nations General Assembly. President Habyarimana plans to meet with senior officials from the State Department, the Agency for International Development, and the World Bank.

On August 4, the Rwandan Government and the Rwandan Patriotic Front signed a peace accord ending nearly three years of war. The accords provide for the creation of a coalition government which will ultimately lead the country to multiparty democratic elections. The United States played a key role in the peace negotiations, and President Habyarimana plans to pass through Washington to thank the United States for its assistance. In addition, he will probably ask for U.S. support for a UN peacekeeping force to help implement the peace accords.

A Vice Presidential meeting would demonstrate our support for conflict resolution and democratization in Africa. Although the peace accords still must be implemented and the issue of peacekeepers remains unresolved, the negotiation of a political settlement in Rwanda remains one of the African continent's important success stories. Accordingly, we recommend adding President Habyarimana to the list of UNGA-related bilaterals proposed for the Vice President in our earlier memorandum, submitted to you on September 18.

Thank you for your continued assistance.

M. Grossman
Marc Grossman
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
Habyarimana Biography

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